

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2008.

Claims 75-84 are currently pending in this application, with claim 75 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Restriction requirement

While not conceding the propriety of the restriction requirement made within the Office Communication of September 26, 2008 and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 53-74 have been canceled.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Newly added claims

Claims 75-84 - Claims 76-84 are dependent upon claim 75. Claim 75 is drawn to a method of drafting a bill of lading, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining vessel schedule information, said vessel schedule information being transportation schedules from cargo consigners;

performing pre-booking by sending a designated outgoing vessel schedule to a physical distribution trader, said designated outgoing vessel schedule being a transportation schedule selected from said vessel schedule information;

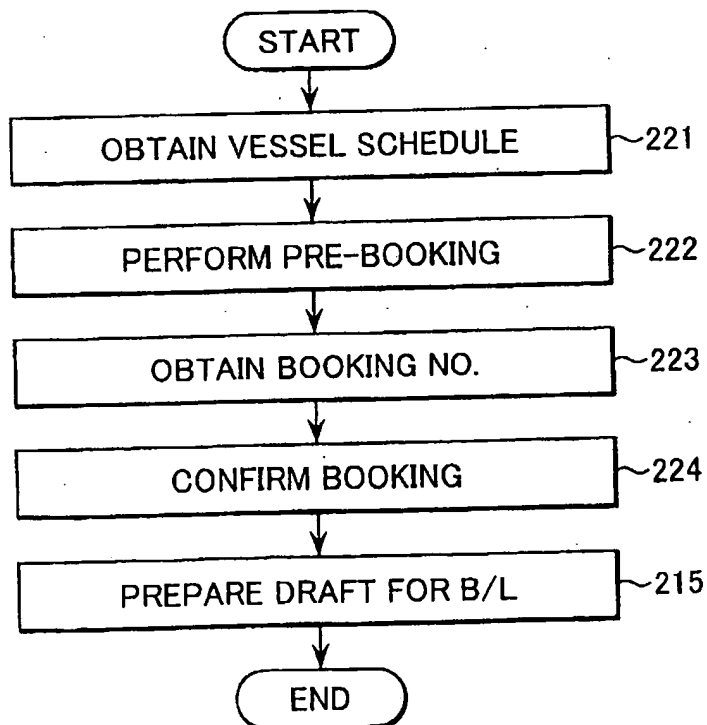
obtaining booking information from said physical distribution trader site, said booking information including a booking number and said designated outgoing vessel schedule;

confirming said booking information;

preparing a draft for bill of lading, said draft for the bill of lading including said booking information and physical distribution basic six information.

Figure 32 of the specification as originally filed is provided hereinbelow.

FIG.32



However, the prior art cited in the rejection of the claims *fail* to disclose, teach, or suggest the step of preparing a draft for bill of lading, said draft for the bill of lading including said booking information and physical distribution basic six information.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Official Notice

There is no concession as to the veracity of Official Notice, if taken in any Office Action.

An affidavit or document should be provided in support of any Official Notice taken. 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2), MPEP § 2144.03. See also, *Ex parte Natale*, 11 USPQ2d 1222, 1227-1228 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989)(failure to provide any objective evidence to support the challenged use of Official Notice constitutes clear and reversible error).

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action. Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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